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2012/13 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka.... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the commercial harvest of sea cucumbers in Southeast Alaska during the 2012/13 season:

The following areas will be closed for the remainder of the 2012/13 season:

District 12:

Eastern portion of Tenakee Inlet – (Subdistricts 112-41, 42);

Chatham Strait and Kelp Bay – (Subdistricts 112-11, 21, and 22);

District 13:

Salisbury Sound and Peril Strait – (Subdistricts 113-62, 63, 64, 65, and 66).

The following area will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Monday, November 5, 2012:

District 3:

San Christoval Channel, western San Alberto Bay, and Trocadero Bay – (Subdistricts 103-60 and 103-70-002).

The following area will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday, November 5, 2012:

District 1:

West Behm Canal – (Subdistricts 101-90 and 101-95).

The following area will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday, November 5, 2012:

Districts 5 and 9:

Port Camden – (Subdistricts 109-43 and 105-32).

The following areas will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday, November 5, 2012:

District 2:

Lower Clarence Strait – (Subdistrict 102-20);

Cleveland Peninsula – (Subdistrict 102-80);

District 3:

Long Island and upper Cordova Bay – (Subdistricts 103-21 and 30);

Hetta Inlet, Nutkwa Inlet, and Keete Inlet – (Subdistricts 103-23 and 25).

For a description of the above areas please refer to the September 14, 2012, sea cucumber fishery news release announcing the open areas and their GHL's. The next news release following this opening will be available on the afternoon of **Thursday, November 8, 2012**.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M2812.

2012-2013 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery										
	Statistical		Harvest to	Remaining						
Area Description	Area(s)	GHL	Date (lbs)	GHL						
Tree Point	101-10,11	150,100	169,172	CLOSED						
Percy Islands	101-25	90,600	108,034	CLOSED						
West Behm	101-90,95	85,100	56,281	28,819						
Clarence Strait	102-20	45,700	27,720	17,980						
Kasaan Bay/Skowl Arm	102-60	382,000	374,324	CLOSED						
Cleveland Peninsula	102-80	24,300	14,546	9,754						
Long Is./Cordova Bay	103-21,30	48,300	24,102	24,198						
Hetta/Nutkwa Inlet	103-23,25	155,000	95,417	59,583						
San Christoval/Trocadero	103-60,70-002	61,500	55,839	5,661						
Snow Pass	106-30	189,900	203,450	CLOSED						
Port Camden	109-43,105-32	14,900	8,191	6,709						
Chatham/Kelp Bay	112-11,21,22	69,600	67,281	CLOSED						
E. Tenakee Inlet	112-41,42	35,700	36,171	CLOSED						
W. Tenakee Inlet	112,43-48	68,300	68,183	CLOSED						
Salisbury/Peril Strait	113-62-66	55,000	54,517	CLOSED						
Totals		1,476,000	1,363,228	152,704						

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